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| **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**<br>**FY 2006**<br>***(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)*** | Docket Number (Optional)<br>780-A03-012A |
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| Application Number 10/681,526 | Filed October 8, 2003 |
| For METHOD OF PERFORMING SURGERY | |
| Art Unit 3733 | Examiner P. Philogene |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | Fee | Small Entity Fee | |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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